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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hiromichi NAKATA**
Group Art Unit: **1745**
Application No.: **10/716,396**
Examiner: **Melissa THOMPSON**
Filed: **November 20, 2003**
For: **FUEL CELL SEPARATOR AND PRODUCTION
METHOD THEREFOR**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2006 in the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following.

Remarks

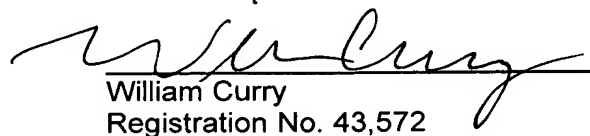
Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. In response to the requirement for restriction set forth in the above-identified Office Action, the Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-9, for further prosecution in the application.

Please note that the Office Action appears to contain a typographical error, since it refers only to method claims 10-17. However, claim 18 is also a method claim, dependent on claim 10.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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